

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 30 MARCH 2015

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Date: 30 March 2015

Update on Performance, Procurement and Commissioning

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members on delivery of current commissions, Skills for Work Training, and Additional Housing and Generic Enforcement.
- 1.2 The report requests members to make a decision on whether to refund one or both of the two current commissions for a 2nd financial year.
- 1.3 The report gives an update on commissioning priorities previously identified by the Dearne Area Council for progression by the Area Council Manager.
- 1.4 The report also gives the current financial position with regard to funding available for new commissions during the 2015/16 financial year.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 **That members note the continued progress of two the current commissions: - Skills for Work and Additional Enforcement.**
- 2.2 **That members consider whether to refund one or both of the two current commissions for a 2nd financial year.**
- 2.3 **That members note the update on work taking place in preparing new Area Council commissions.**
- 2.4 **That members note the current financial position with regard to the funding available for new commissions in 2015/16.**

3.0 Current Commissions

3.1 Skills for Work

The commission continues to progress well with no concerns about delivery to date. Official monitoring figures from Quarter 1, showing over achievement in all areas were reported to the Area Council meeting held on 2 February, 2015 and the 2nd quarter monitoring meeting is due to take place in April, 2015. The official figures from this visit will be reported to the Area Council to be held on 1 June 2015.

3.2 **Additional Enforcement**

The 2nd quarter official monitoring meeting took place on 12 February, 2015 between the Dearne and Central Area Council Managers, representatives of Kingdom Security and BMBC Community Safety. The figures reported show that the provider is on target and that the patrolling hours are evenly split between Dearne North and Dearne South as follows:

Patrolling Hours target for 2nd quarter 377 - actual hours achieved 406 with 194 of these in Dearne North and 212 in Dearne South.

From 3 November, 2015 – 26 January, 2015 the officers issued 5 Fixed Penalty notices for dog fouling, 84 for litter and 16 for parking offences.

Kingdom Security also reported a number of case studies at the monitoring meeting including a Fly-Tipping offence at Bolton upon Dearne which was captured by body worn CCTV, as was the aggressive response to the Enforcement Officer from the offender. The possibility of exploring a prosecution for Public Order offences is currently ongoing with South Yorkshire Police.

The Dearne Tasking Officer will be present at the Area Council Meeting to give a verbal report on day to day management of the contract, and the current work of the Housing Enforcement Officer.

3.3 **Future Funding of Current Contracts**

As the above contracts are individually under £75,000 each, NPS have indicated that it would be possible to refund them for another year without going back out to tender. Should members wish to take that course of action, a waiver report will need to be produced by the Area Manager and signed off in good time before the end of each contract to enable a seamless continuation.

Members are therefore asked to consider that as the Additional Enforcement contract ends on 31 July, 2015 and the Skills for Training contract on 30 September, 2015, a decision is made on whether to continue all or any of the individual contracts.

4.0 **New Commissions for 2015/16 Dearne Area Council**

4.1 **Clean and Tidy Specification**

The draft specification agreed for progression at the Dearne Area Council Meeting held on 2 February, 2015 is subject to pending discussions on the best approach to Litter and Fly Tipping at the Dearne Approach Meeting on 13 April, 2015 and further discussions with groups in the Dearne Area who are currently undertaking volunteering action to address the issues.

4.2 **Positive Activities for Young People and Young Peoples Work Experience**

No further progress to report to date on the above two project ideas.

5.0 **Current Financial Update**

5.1 Members are informed that, after taking into consideration the existing commissions and underspend from the current financial year, there will be a total of £263,439 available for new projects in the 2015/16 financial year. A full financial breakdown is given as Appendix 1 to this report.

Should members wish to extend the current commissions for a further year at an indicative cost of £145,000 it would take the total available to £118,439 for new commissions during the 2015/16 financial year.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Financial Statement

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